

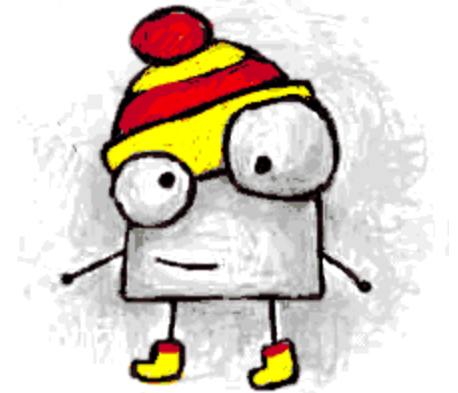
Subjects & Predicates



Project LA Activity

Every complete sentence contains two parts: a **subject** and a **predicate**.

The **subject** is what (or whom) the sentence is about, while the **predicate** tells something about the subject.



Judy and her dog **run** on the beach every morning.



Judy and her dog **run** on the beach every morning.

First find the **verb** and then make a question by placing ``who?" or ``what?" before it.

The answer is the **subject, Judy and her dog.**



Let's try one:



We spilled popcorn on the floor.

What is the **verb** of this sentence?

We **spilled** popcorn on the floor.

Now find the subject:

We **spilled** popcorn on the floor.

Now decide who or what spilled popcorn?

We **spilled** popcorn on the floor.



Can you find the **subject** in each sentence below?

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2. His Uncle Bob asked for directions.
3. Those soldiers carried guns.
4. Our babysitter arrived late.

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Can you find the **predicate** in each sentence below?

1. My little brother broke his finger.
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Can you find the predicate in each sentence below?

1. My little brother **broke his finger.**
2. His Uncle Bob **asked for directions.**
3. Those soldiers **carried guns.**
4. Our babysitter **arrived late.**

Simple Subject and Simple Predicate

Every subject is built around one noun or pronoun (or more). When all other words are removed the **simple subject** is left.



Simple Subject



A piece of chocolate candy would taste great.

The main word in the **subject** is the noun "piece," with the other words of the subject -- "a" and "of pepperoni pizza" -- tell about the noun. "piece" is the simple subject.

Can you find the **simple subject** in each sentence below?

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Can you find the **simple subject** in each sentence below?

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2. His **Uncle Bob** asked for directions.
3. Those **soldiers** carried guns.
4. Our **babysitter** arrived late.

Simple Predicate

A **simple predicate** is always the verb or verbs that links up with the subject.



Simple Predicate

A piece of chocolate candy
would taste great.

The simple predicate is "would
taste" -- in other words,
the verb of the sentence.



Can you find the **simple predicate** in each sentence below?

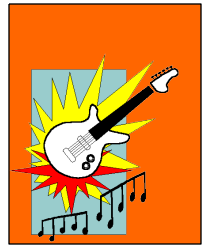
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2. His Uncle Bob **asked** for directions.
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Compound Subject

A sentence may have a **compound subject** -- a simple subject made up of more than one noun or pronoun.



Can you find the compound subjects?

Team pennants,
rock posters and
family
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Can you find the compound subjects?

Her uncle and she walked slowly through the art gallery and admired the beautiful pictures exhibited there.



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Her **uncle** and **she** walked slowly through the art gallery and admired the beautiful pictures exhibited there.



Can you find the **compound subject** in each sentence below?

1. My little brother and my cousin broke their fingers.
2. His Uncle Bob and Aunt Betty asked for directions.
3. Those soldiers and agents carried guns.
4. Our babysitter and her friend arrived late.

Can you find the **compound subject** in each sentence below?

1. My little **brother** and my **cousin** broke their fingers.
2. His **Uncle Bob** and **Aunt Betty** asked for directions.
3. Those **soldiers** and **agents** carried guns.
4. Our **babysitter** and her **friend** arrived late.

Compound Predicate

A **compound predicate**, is more than one verb relating to the same subject.



Can you find the compound predicate?

Mother mopped and scrubbed the kitchen floor.



Can you find the compound predicate?

Mother **mopped** and **scrubbed** the kitchen floor.



Can you find the compound predicate in each sentence below?

1. My little brother bruised and broke his finger.
2. His Uncle Bob looked and asked for directions.
3. Those soldiers carried and used guns.
4. Our babysitter overslept and arrived late.

Can you find the compound predicate in each sentence below?

1. My little brother **bruised** and **broke** his finger.
2. His Uncle Bob **looked** and **asked** for directions.
3. Those soldiers **carried** and **used** guns.
4. Our babysitter **overslept** and **arrived** late.



Now that you know all about subjects and predicates, try the subject and predicate song and sing along!

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